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US AIRLIFT DURING OCTOBER WAR

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1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF EXCERPT FROM INTERVIEW IN DUTCH
WEEKLY MAGAZINE "ACCENT" (RIGHT OF CENTER, 60,000) OF DECEMBER
6, 1975.

2. INTERVIEW GIVEN BY RICHARD NIXON TO THIS MAGAZINE'S EDITOR-
IN-CHIEF HANS KNOOP AND PHOTOGRAPHER ANTON VELDKAMP IN SAN
CLEMENTE.

3. "...VIA THE MIDDLE EAST, NIXON ARRIVED AT THE POINT OF
THE NATO ALLIANCE. HE MAKES NO SECRET OF HAVING BEEN DEEPLY
DISAPPOINTED THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF (THEN STILL FASCIST)
PORTUGAL AND JOOP DEN UYL'S HOLLAND NO SINGLE EUROPEAN ALLY
WAS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE AIR BASES FOR THE AIRLIFT TO
ISRAEL. HIS GOOD FRIEND AND NOBEL PRIZE WINNER WILLY BRANDT
REFUSED, BRITAIN REFUSED, POMPIDOU ALSO, ETC. ONLY PORTUGAL,
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WHICH OFFERED THE AZORES, AND HOLLAND (THIS REVELATION WILL

DOUBTLESS MEET WITH DISAPPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARTY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE LABOR PARTY) PROVED WILLING. ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, WASHINGTON DROPPED THE IDEA OF HOLLAND, BECAUSE OUR COUNTRY DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO ENABLE THE AIRLIFT TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.".

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